



TECHWOMEN

TechWomen is an Initiative of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs



The 2014 Emerging Leader Application Is Now Open!

Our Mission

The mission of TechWomen is to empower, connect, and support the next generation of women leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) by providing them access and opportunity to advance their careers, pursue their dreams, and become role models for women and girls in their communities.

What We Do

TechWomen brings emerging women leaders in STEM from **Africa and the Middle East** together with their professional counterparts in the United States for a mentorship and exchange program. TechWomen provides participants access to networks, resources, and knowledge to empower them to reach their full potential. During the five-week program, participants

- Engage in project-based mentorships at leading companies in the San Francisco Bay Area and Silicon Valley
- Participate in professional development workshops and networking events
- Travel to Washington, DC for targeted meetings and special events

Why Apply to TechWomen?

From the moment the Emerging Leaders arrive, they are immersed in the innovative, constantly evolving culture of Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area. Emerging Leaders work closely with their Professional Mentors to design meaningful projects while exploring the San Francisco Bay Area with their Cultural Mentor and fellow program participants. TechWomen Emerging Leaders will

- **Collaborate** with like-minded women in their fields on an innovative project
- **Network** with influential industry leaders
- **Create** meaningful friendships with women from all over the world
- **Inspire** the next generation of women and girls in their home countries

Program Dates

The TechWomen program will occur over **five weeks in October 2014**. Selected Emerging Leaders will be required to arrive in San Francisco on September 30. They will depart from Washington, DC to their home countries on November 5.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must

- Be women with a minimum of two years full-time professional experience in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and math) and/or a career requiring significant expertise/knowledge/application of technology
- Have, at minimum, a bachelor's degree/four year university degree or equivalent
- Be proficient in written and spoken English
- Demonstrate a willingness to participate in exchange programs, welcome opportunities for mentoring and new partnership development, and exhibit confidence and maturity
- Be citizens or permanent residents of Algeria, Cameroon, Egypt, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Nigeria, the Palestinian Territories, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tunisia, Yemen, or Zimbabwe at the time of application, and while participating in the program
- Not have applied for an immigrant visa to the United States, or participated in a visa lottery in the past five years
- Be able to obtain a U.S. visa
- Not hold U.S. Citizenship or be a U.S. legal permanent resident

Preference will be given to applicants who

- Have demonstrated themselves as emerging leaders in their chosen professional track
- Have limited or no prior experience in the United States
- Have a record of voluntary or public service in their communities
- Have demonstrated entrepreneurialism and commitment to innovation

Selection Timeline

- **December 16, 2013 – February 10, 2014:** Application open
- **March – April 2014:** All applications under review by selection committees
- **May 2014:** Finalists contacted via email or phone for in-country interviews
- **June 2014:** Final decisions made, and all applicants notified of their application results via email

Apply Today!

To apply to be a 2014 TechWomen Emerging Leader, visit www.techwomen.org/participants/eligibility-and-application. The deadline to apply is **23:59 Cairo time, Monday, February 10, 2014**.

Questions?

Visit www.techwomen.org or send us a message at techwomen@iie.org.